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SUBJ: USITC REQUEST FOR INFO ON GOVT-OWNED FIRMS IN MARKET ECONOMY COUNTRIES

REF: STATE A-1249

1. THERE ARE NO MANUFACTURING, MINING, OR AGRICULTURAL FIRMS IN SWITZERLAND IN WHICH GOVT HAS 25 PCT OWNERSHIP. FOLLOWING PARA COVERS SWISS AGRICULTURAL EXPORT ORGANIZATIONS WHOSE ACTIVITIES ARE OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO USITC.

2. BECAUSE THE SWISS GOVT IS OBLIGED TO ABSORB MARKETING LOSSES FOR CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS EXCESSIVE TO DOMESTIC DEMAND, THE DEGREE OF INVOLVEMENT WITH THE VARIOUS SWISS MARKETING ORGANIZATIONS MAY VARY, YET ASSURES UNDERLYING SUPPORT AND ECONOMIC/POLITICAL GUIDANCE. SWISS GOVT AGRICULTURAL POLICY IS NOT RPT NOT EXPORT ORIENTED, BUT EXCESSIVE MILK PRODUCTION HAS REQUIRED GOVT SUPPORT IN ORDER TO DIPOSE OF CHEESE AND NON-FAT DRY MILK (NFD). A NUMBER OF SWISS MARKETING ORGANIZATIONS ARE COMPOSED OF IMPORTERS, PRODUCERS, AND GOVT REPRESENTS WHO ARE CHARGED WITH SELECTIVE PRODUCT DISPOSITION. THE TERM "GOVT OWNERSHIP" (REF PARA 2) IS NOT TECHNICALLY APPLICABLE, ALTHOUGH REGULATORY AUTHORITY AND ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR DISPOSITION GAINS AND LOSSES ARE

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GOVERNMENTAL AS OPPOSED TO PRIVATE. THERE IS NO KNOWN PUBLIC INFORMATION ON THESE ORGANIZATIONS. IN THE CASE OF CHEESE, TREASURY MAY BE ABLE TO SUPPLY INFORMATION FROM ITS FILES ON THE U S COUNTERVAILING DUTY ACTION ON SWISS CHEESE AND THE DAIRY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF GATT MAY HAVE HELPFUL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FUNCTIONING OF THE SWISS PROGRAM FOR NFD.

3. WE ARE AWARE OF NO BOOKS, ARTICLES, ETC., ON SUBJECT, BUT WILL  
REPORT ANY THAT COME TO OUR ATTENTION. DAVIS

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